

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

April 12, 2021

George Copadis Commissioner New Hampshire Department of Employment Security 45 South Fruit Street Concord, N.H. 03301

Dear Commissioner Copadis,

Pursuant to my authority under RSA 21-P:43; RSA 4:45; RSA 4:47; and Executive Order 2020-04, as extended by Executive Orders 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-14, 2020-15, 2020-16, 2020-17, 2020-18, 2020-20, 2020-21, 2020-23, 2020-24, 2020-25, 2021-01, 2021-02, 2021-04, and 2021-05 I have approved your written request, in attachment, to take the following actions related to the Continued Assistance Act (CAA) Funds:

1. Authority for New Hampshire Employment Security (NHES) to accept and expend \$650,000 in additional federal funds from the United States Department of Labor – Employment Training Administration (USDOL-ETA) for the purpose of implementing provisions under the CAA which amended the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation and Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation programs and provides for the Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation program. Budgeted consistent with the information in the request, in attachment, effective through June 30, 2022. (100% Federal Funds)

The Department of Administrative Services is authorized to take the actions necessary to effectuate this authorization.

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Sununu

Governor

CC: Charles Arlinghaus, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE 45 South Fruit Street Concord, NH 03301-4857



GEORGE N. COPADIS, COMMISSIONER
RICHARD J. LAVERS, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

April 12, 2021

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu State House Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION UNDER RSA 21-P:43; RSA 4:45; RSA 4:47; AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-04, AS EXTENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDERS 2020-05, 2020-08, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-14, 2020-15, 2020-16, 2020-17, 2020-18, 2020-20, 2020-21, 2020-23, 2020-24, 2020-25, 2021-01, 2021-02, 2021-04 AND 2021-05.

Authorize the New Hampshire Employment Security (NHES) to accept and expend \$650,000 in additional federal funds from the United States Department of Labor – Employment and Training Administration (USDOL-ETA) for the purpose of implementing provisions under the Continued Assistance Act (CAA) which amended the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation and Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation programs and provides for the Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation program through June 30, 2022. 100% Federal Funds.

02-027	7-027-270	010-80400000 Employment Security	SFY 2021		
Class	Account	Class Description	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
000	404625	FEDERAL FUNDS	(\$40,930,547)	(\$650,000)	(\$41,580,547)
001	484945	TRANSFERS FROM OTHER AGENCY	(\$975,757)		(\$975,757)
003	407549	REVOLVING FUNDS	(\$11,658,183)		(\$11,658,183)
009	402338	AGENCY INCOME	(\$593,391)		(\$593,391)
00D	488522	TRANSFERS FROM OTHER AGENCY	(\$4,523,000)		(\$4,523,000)
TOTAL REVENUE:			(\$58,680,878)	(\$650,000)	(\$59,330,878)
010	500100	PERSONAL SERVICES PERM CLAS	\$14,211,684		\$14,211,684
011	500126	PERSONAL SERVICES UNCLASSIF	\$232,480		\$232,480
012	500128	PERSONAL SERVICES UNCLASSIF	\$108,451		\$108,451
013	500131	PERSONAL SERVICES UNCLASSIF	\$347,354		\$347,354
018	500106	OVERTIME	\$3,828,239		\$3,828,239
019	500105	HOLIDAY PAY	\$160,499		\$160,499
020	500200	CURRENT EXPENSES	\$907,841		\$907,841
022	500248	RENTS-LEASES OTHER THAN STA	\$447,574		\$447,574
023	500291	HEAT ELECTRICITY WATER	\$509,226		\$509,226
024	500225	MAINT OTHER THAN BUILD-GRN	\$242,203		\$242,203
026	500251	ORGANIZATIONAL DUES	\$25,500		\$25,500
027	582703	TRANSFERS TO DOIT	\$5,166,221		\$5,166,221
028	582814	TRANSFERS TO GENERAL SERVIC	\$1		\$1

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Class	Account	Class Description	Current Budget	Requested Action	Revised Budget
030	500331	EQUIPMENT NEW REPLACEMENT	\$155,336		\$155,336
037	500174	TECHNOLOGY-HARDWARE	\$1,003,621		\$1,003,621
039	509038	TECHNOLOGY-SOFTWARE	\$9,141,023	\$650,000	\$9,791,023
039	500188	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$646,149		\$646,149
040	500800	INDIRECT COSTS	\$403,255		\$403,255
041	500801	AUDIT FUND SET ASIDE	\$43,327		\$43,327
042	500620	ADDITIONAL FRINGE BENEFITS	\$1,639,316		\$1,639,316
046	500460	CONSULTANTS	\$4,000		\$4,000
047	500240	OWN FORCES MAINT BUILD-GRN	\$9,210		\$9,210
048	500226	CONTRACTUAL MAINT BUILD-GRN	\$519,008		\$519,008
049	584922	TRANSFER TO OTHER STATE AGE	\$91,404		\$91,404
050	500109	PERSONAL SERVICE TEMP APPOI	\$967,462		\$967,462
057	500531	BOOKS PERIODICALS SUBSCRIPT	\$11,300		\$11,300
059	500117	TEMP FULL TIME	\$1,104,853		\$1,104,853
060	500601	BENEFITS	\$9,781,891		\$9,781,891
061	500536	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	\$20,000		\$20,000
062	500538	WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$125,000		\$125,000
065	500542	BOARD EXPENSES	\$15,000		\$15,000
066	500544	EMPLOYEE TRAINING	\$16,907		\$16,907
070	500700	IN STATE TRAVEL REIMBURSEME	\$84,900		\$84,900
080	500710	OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REIMB	\$37,000		\$37,000
085	588512	INTER-AGENCY TRANSFERS-FEDERAL	\$465,000		\$465,000
102	500731	CONTRACTS FOR PROGRAM SERVI	\$5,867,584		\$5,867,584
103	500740	CONTRACTS FOR OP SERVICES	\$303,530		\$303,530
211	501530	CATASTROPHIC CASUALTY INS	\$3,373		\$3,373
229	500764	SHERIFF REIMBURSEMENT	\$10,500		\$10,500
230	500765	INTERPRETER SERVICE	\$23,657		\$23,657
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:		\$58,680,878	\$650,000	\$59,330,878	

EXPLANATION

NHES is requesting approval to accept and expend additional federal funds to implement provisions associated with amendments to the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) programs, and to implement the Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) program pursuant to the Continued Assistance Act (CAA) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Due to the unexpected nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, NHES was not able to forecast or budget these funds in advance.

USDOL-ETA made additional federal funding available to all state workforce agencies to assist with system modification costs associated with implementing the changes necessary pursuant to the CAA. USDOL-ETA offered the additional funding in the form of a supplemental budget request. NHES submitted the necessary applications and was approved for the supplemental funding to support these efforts which include system

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modifications necessary to further enhance the New Hampshire Unemployment Insurance System (NHUIS), the state's unemployment benefit payment system.

The supplemental funds authorized provide for the system modifications required to accommodate changes to existing benefit programs and for the implementation of a Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) program. MEUC provides \$100 each week, in addition to FPUC, to individuals with \$5,000 or more in self-employment income in the previous tax year who are receiving unemployment benefits from a program other than PUA.

This funding will be used to support a contract amendment with SymbioSys Solutions, the vendor responsible for maintenance, modifications and enhancements to NHUIS since 2009.

NHES is requesting authorization to accept and expend \$650,000 in Federal funds from USDOL-ETA, and to budget the funds as follows:

Class 038 Technology, Software – The funds will be used for necessary system code updates for existing, but amended, benefit programs and for system enhancements to accommodate payments and reporting of the new MEUC program.

There are no General Funds required with this request. In the event that these funds become no longer available, General funds will not be requested to support these expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner

GNC/jdr